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Classified By: Ambassador James D. McGee for reasons 1.4 B and D

[1](#)1. (S) Ambassador delivered REF B demarche to Minister of Foreign Affairs Marcel Ranjeva the evening of March 21 on the sideline of a dinner in honor of the departing UNDP Resident Representative. After listening carefully to demarche points, Ranjeva replied that as a SADC Member, Madagascar cannot and will not speak out on its own about Zimbabwe. Five years after the governance crisis and a few months after successful elections in Madagascar, the GOM prefers a low profile. MFA Ranjeva added, very discreetly, that he knows President Ravalomanana's personal feeling is that Mugabe is a problem.
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